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Louisiana’s 2009 Rice Crop Sets New Record Yield

“Early season drought conditions followed by excessive rains during harvest did not have much of an impact on yields,” said Nathan Crisp, Director of the Louisiana Field Office of the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rice set a new record yield, while soybean and sugarcane yields reached their second highest levels. “On the down side, Louisiana’s 2009 cotton planted acreage was the lowest planted acreage on record for the state,” Crisp added.

Cotton production is estimated at 340,000 bales, up 21 percent from 2008. The 2009 planted acreage was estimated at 230,000 acres, down 23 percent from the previous year. An estimated 225,000 acres were harvested, down four percent from 2008. Yield per acre was 725 pounds, up 149 pounds from 2008. **Upland cotton** production for the U.S. is estimated at 12 million bales, down three percent from the 2008 production.

Sugarcane production for sugar and seed in the state is estimated at 13.2 million net tons, up 15 percent from 2008. Production for sugar is estimated at 12.1 million net tons, and production for seed is estimated at 1.1 million net tons. An estimated 425,000 total acres were harvested, up five percent from 2008. An estimated 390,000 acres were harvested for sugar and the remaining 35,000 acres for seed. Net yield for both sugar and seed is estimated at 31.0 net tons per acre, up 2.7 net tons from the 2008 yield. U.S. production of **sugarcane** for sugar and seed in 2009 is estimated at 30.3 million tons, ten percent above the previous year’s 27.6 million tons.

Louisiana’s soybean production is estimated at 36.7 million bushels, up 17 percent from 2008. Total planted acreage was 1,020,000 acres, down three percent from 2008. Louisiana farmers harvested an estimated 940,000 acres, down one percent from the previous year. Yield was set at 39 bushels per acre, up six bushels from the previous year. U.S. **soybean** production is estimated at 3.4 billion bushels, up 13 percent from last year.

Louisiana’s all rice production is estimated at 29.2 million cwt, up eight percent from 2008. Production of long grain varieties is estimated at 25.9 million cwt, and production of medium grain varieties is estimated at 3.3 million cwt. The planted and harvested acreage for 2009 were 470,000 and 464,000 acres, respectively, both unchanged from 2008. The statewide yield averaged 6,300 pounds per acre, up 470 pounds from 2008. This is the highest recorded yield in the state’s history. U.S. **rice** production is estimated at 220 million cwt, up eight percent from 2008.

Production of **corn for grain** in the state is estimated at 80.5 million bushels, up ten percent from 2008. The 2009 planted acreage was estimated at 630,000 acres, up 21 percent from the previous year. An estimated 610,000 acres were harvested, up 20 percent from 2008. Yield per acre was set at 132 bushels, down 12 bushels from the previous year. U.S. **corn** production is estimated at a record 13.2 billion bushels, up nine percent from 2008.

Production of **sorghum for grain** in Louisiana is estimated at 5.3 million bushels, compared to 9.6 million in 2008. Total planted acreage was estimated at 70,000 acres, of which 65,000 acres were harvested for grain. This is the lowest planted and harvested acres, since 1980 when the state planted 32,000 and harvested 14,000 acres, respectively. Yield per acre, at 82 bushels, was down five bushels from 2008. U.S. production of **sorghum** in 2009 is estimated at 383 million bushels, 19 percent below 2008.

Louisiana’s sweet potato production is estimated at 1.6 million cwt, up 47 percent from 2008. An estimated 14,000 acres were planted in 2009, down seven percent from 2008. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,000 acres, up nine percent from the previous year. The statewide yield averaged 135 cwt per acre, up 35 cwt from 2008. U.S. **sweet potato** production is estimated at 19.6 million cwt, up seven percent from the previous year.

All hay production in Louisiana 2009 is estimated at 1.1 million tons, down one percent from 2008. An estimated 380,000 acres were harvested in 2009, down 12 percent from the previous year. Yield was 2.8 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from 2008. U.S. **all hay** production is estimated at 147 million tons, up one percent from 2008.

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CROP	HARVESTED ACRES (000)		YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	PRODUCTION (000)		PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009	
Corn for grain	510	610	144	132	bushels	73,440	80,520	+10
Corn, Silage	5	3	14	13	tons	70	39	-44
Rice, all	464	464	5,830	6,300	lbs: cwt	27,037	29,217	+8
Rice, Long Grain	450	410	5,820	6,320	lbs: cwt	26,190	25,912	-1
Rice, Medium	14	54	6,050	6,120	lbs: cwt	847	3,305	+290
Upland Cotton	234	225	576	725	lbs: bales	281	340	+21
Sorghum for grain	110	65	87	82	bushels	9,570	5,330	-44
Sorghum, Silage	1	1	10	11	tons	10	11	+10
Soybeans	950	940	33	39	bushels	31,350	36,660	+17
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	405	425	28.3	31	net tons	11,462	13,175	+15
Sugarcane, Sugar	380	390	28.3	31	net tons	10,754	12,090	+12
Sugarcane, Seed	25	35	28.3	31	net tons	708	1,085	+53
Sweet Potatoes	11	12	100	135	cwt	1,100	1,620	+47
Hay, all	430	380	2.5	2.8	tons	1,075	1,064	-1

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CROP	HARVESTED ACRES (000)		YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	PRODUCTION (000)		PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009	
Corn for grain	78,570	79,630	153.9	165.2	bushels	12,091,648	13,151,062	+9
Corn, Silage	5,965	5,605	18.7	19.3	tons	111,619	108,209	-3
Rice, all	2,976	3,103	6,846	7,085	lbs: cwt	203,733	219,850	+8
Rice, Long Grain	2,350	2,265	6,522	6,743	lbs: cwt	153,257	152,725	-
Rice, Medium	575	786	8,203	8,052	lbs: cwt	47,166	63,291	+34
Upland Cotton	7,400	7,552	803	763	lbs: bales	12,385	12,011	-3
Sorghum for grain	7,271	5,520	65.0	69.4	bushels	472,342	382,983	-19
Sorghum, Silage	408	254	13.8	14.5	tons	5,646	3,680	-35
Soybeans	74,681	76,407	39.7	44.0	bushels	2,967,007	3,361,028	+13
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	868	877.7	31.8	34.5	net tons	27,603	30,265	+10
Sugarcane, Sugar	821.6	820.7	31.8	34.6	net tons	26,131	28,395	+9
Sugarcane, Seed	46.4	57.0	31.7	32.8	net tons	1,472	1,870	+27
Sweet Potatoes	97.3	97.7	190	201	cwt	18,443	19,647	+7
Hay, all	60,152	59,755	2.43	2.47	tons	146,270	147,442	+1

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